

Lewis and Clark County 4-H Leader's Council

Date: November 18, 2015 Start Time: 5:31 PM End Time: 6:57 PM	Present:	<u>MSU Extension Office:</u> Mary Meyer, Janet Cerovski <u>Augusta Livestock:</u> <u>Baxendale Beavers:</u> <u>Big Sky:</u> David Hamilton, Wade Bratlien, Karen Bratlien, Sean Maharg, Josie Hamilton, Krista Hamilton <u>BHA:</u> Teresa Kelley Brewer, Tara Parry <u>BOA:</u> Michelle Lee <u>Bits & Bridles</u> <u>Canyon Creek Stock:</u> <u>Farm Kids:</u> <u>Gold Nuggets:</u> Shea Gruber <u>Golden Livestock</u> Kim Lowry, Isabelle Lowry, David Lowry, Shane Tamcke, Sage Tamcke <u>Haywire Kids:</u> Kathy Edwards <u>Kountry Bumpkins:</u> <u>LCL:</u> Sandy Merchen, Cody Mitchell, Susan Mitchell <u>MT City Mavs:</u> Bryson Sedivl, Dillon Ostberg, Michelle Ostberg <u>Mt. Tractor Kids:</u> <u>Rocky Mt. Livestock:</u> <u>Scratchgravel Wranglers:</u> Hannah Diehl, Carmen Diehl, Kristina Carlson <u>Silver Creek Stock:</u> <u>Silver Spurs:</u> Dawn Schneider, <u>Sleeping Giants:</u> Cheryl Richman, Janell Swanson <u>Sweet Clovers:</u> Ken McNeil, Catherine McNeil, <u>Treaters & Feeders:</u> <u>Wild Roses:</u> C.J. Lassila <u>WYW:</u>
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Agenda Item	Discussion	Motion/Recommendation
Call to Order / Pledges	David Hamilton called the meeting to order and pledges were stated.	
Minute Approval	The meeting from October 14, 2015 meeting were presented.	Hearing no corrections, they stand approve.
Treasurer's Report	Michelle Ostberg gave the Treasurer's report thru October 31, 2015. Beginning balance for Council was \$14,828.74. The ending balance is \$13,611.25. Total income was 48 cents. Total expense was \$1,217.64. The beginning balance for Livestock was \$20, 119.17. The ending balance was \$20,119.50. Total income was 33 cents.	
Committee Reports	<u>Outdoor</u> – Sean Maharg reported the Jr. Superintendents are:	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor • Indoor • Ambassadors • Foundation • Extension Office Report • District 6 • Clubs • Other 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall - Keegan Brewer and Kyler Maharg • Dog - Shea Sullivan • Goat – Josie Hamilton and Dylan Maharg • Round Robin – Chris Gransbery • Poultry – Katelyn Edwards • Security – Taton Brewer • Swine – Miranda Bragg and Wade Bratlien <p>Proposed recommendations before the committee were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fair attire - a recommendation to move forward to the clubs for voting of either dark blue or black jeans to show at fair. • Jeff Patton reported on the lamb birthdates which are a national standard and the recommendation was to leave as they are. • Swine recommendation to leave the birthdate and weights the same for this year. <p>Tabled Topics for next meeting are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Show versus Market – Dave was concerned about a decision as some already have beef in possession. • Adding Council President to the Committee(s) for Sick or Unmanageable Animals at Fair • No Livestock during Judging of Educational Displays • All Grand and Reserves awards will be the same of Outdoor and Indoor <p>Items in which committees of adults and youth members may be formed are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandatory Workshop or Species Related Activity Attendance • Animal Project Fees <p>The Sales Superintendent position is currently open and may want to have a separate meeting for interest in the committee members. It was recommended that all market livestock superintendents sit on the committee.</p> <p>It was the recommendation that whoever shows up for the outdoor meetings will be eligible to vote with tough decisions (i.e. variances, confidential, etc.) will be only standing adult project superintendents to make the decision(s).</p> <p><u>Indoor</u> – Catherine McNeil reported the committee met last night and would ask that indoor and outdoor not be scheduled together again. The committee worked on high point award and will be posting soon. Work continues on the Exhibitor's Handbook.</p> <p><u>Ambassadors</u> – Janelle Swanson announced a Blood Drive will be held on January 10 from 9 AM to 2:30 PM at Our Redeemers. Quality Assurance workshops will</p>	
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	<p>be held on January 3, 2016 at 1 PM and will feature Kelsey Stoner to speak and April 22, 2016 at 6 PM at the BHB. Rec Lab is April 8 thru 10 in Joliet. Please let the Ambassadors if you would like them to attend a club meeting as they would like to visit with clubs and speak on a variety of topics. Please contact the Ambassadors through Sandy Merchen.</p> <p><u>Teen Leaders</u> – Catherine McNeil reported the Rec Lab is geared toward 13 to 18 year olds. The Teen Leaders will serve at God’s Love on December 12. Please contact Catherine for details of service project with event to follow.</p> <p><u>Foundation</u> – Catherine McNeil reported the annual meeting is November 30 at 5:30 PM in which they will be electing new officers and welcoming returning officers. Please come everyone is welcome. Agenda items include upcoming fundraising and other events. Cody Mitchell noted the Foundation is seeking two junior members to serve on the board. Cody will look into age requirements.</p> <p><u>Extension Report</u> – Mary Meyer reported on the Club Officers training on December 18 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. Alison Kosto is helping put on the event. There will be carcass training in February with more details to follow. Mary touched upon on the 4-H Mission and Vision and spoke to it. She thanked the Ambassador’s for their help.</p> <p><u>District 6</u> – Sandy Merchen reported that Ty Pisner is now the State 4-H Center Director. His previous duties and responsibilities will be split. January the group will be meeting on the upcoming retreat.</p> <p><u>Clubs</u> Mary Meyer reported Isabelle Lowry will be honored at the Montana Stockgrowers Convention for one of the top 5 steers in the state. Congratulations!</p> <p><u>Bylaw Committee</u> – Nothing to report at this time.</p> <p><u>Award</u> – Catherine McNeil reported on the following recommendations being sent to the clubs for their input:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall FCS and Overall Agriculture - they will be eliminated after the 2015-2016 4-H year. Anyone that has been working towards these awards for at least two years and will qualify this year is eligible to apply. • The Overall Achievement award will be modified to include all projects in the clover and updated, but will still be available for application. The application will include a paragraph about a favorite memory of one of the projects included in the application. • Project awards will still be available for youth because there are at least 	
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	<p>72 more plaques upstairs. Once the supply is somewhat depleted, this award will be reevaluated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For the 4-H Club Scrapbook a category will be added for Facebook/Website. The requirements will be the same as the scrapbook except remove the last statement: Include name of member who worked on the scrapbook. • Change the amount awarded for the window display to: 1st -\$50, 2nd \$35 and 3rd \$20. Reason is that this is really important for promotion and recruitment and should have more value. • The Citizenship, Conservation, Health, Recreation, Safety awards will be eliminated. There is no indication of what the recipient will be awarded and no understanding from the committee as to the purpose. • I Dare You Award - This will be eliminated for the 2015-2016 year. If there is an applicant for the 2014-2015 year the recipient will be awarded a certificate. <p>If there are questions, please contact Catherine McNeil. Committee members are: Sydney Deaton, Mary Meyer, Tolly Patton, Dora Lindner, Janet Cervoski, and Catherine McNeil.</p> <p><u>Building Committee</u> – Ken McNeil reported the larger projects asking Council to promote through Foundation. The committee is looking for input on projects based on the survey information previously identified last year by Kim Lowry. . Ken's email is listed in the newsletter this month and asked folks to email him with their ideas. Dave proposed the meeting area be set up so that shooting sports is not impacted by the meeting area and vis-a-versa and to move forward with that plan. Ken will touch base with the Fair board to discuss the idea of a meeting room and kitchen area. Catherine would ask if people are to donate an item to the building, to please consider the usefulness of the items.</p> <p><u>Military Program</u> – Catherine McNeil reported that a Scholarship Workshop was held this past Saturday in conjunction with Carroll College, Student Assistance Foundation and National Guard. Kids went home with a binder and thumb drive. We had 54 people attend with about six 4-Hers in attendance. We will be hosting a Mini Rec Lab on January 30 with focus age of 11 to 14 for a variety of items as well as an afternoon of successful resume writing and interviewing skills. There will be a Leaders College in the morning with Alison Kosto presenting. We would encourage adults to help with the mock interviewing.</p>	
<p>Old Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Budget • 501 (C)(3) Application with Foundation • Proposed Changes for 	<p><u>Council Budget</u> – Michelle Ostberg reported on the proposed budget. Information was pulled from the submitted budgets and historical budgets. Changes and edits were made and final draft will be completed tonight for approval. Approved budget will be presented to Foundation. The 1% to the State was clarified and is basically a tax paid to the state to be under their 501(c)(3). Will request about \$14,500 from the Foundation. Cody noted that building expense needs to be</p>	<p>Susan Mitchell moved to approve the budget as presented. Teresa Kelley Brewer seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The vote was - 20 yea, 0 nay. Motion carried.</p>

<p>the Year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Other 	<p>looked at as well as fundraising efforts.</p> <p>There is currently \$16,000 in uncleared checks in the Livestock account due to kids not cashing their checks. The dead animal policy is a huge gap and livestock is a moving target. Livestock needs to start to pay for itself. Dave noted the project fees will need to be discussed through a committee for the next of future 4-H years.</p> <p><u>501(c)(3) Application with Foundation</u> - Cody explained the 501(c)(3) and presented Marilyn Dusenbery's recommendation to become our own 501(c)(3). There would be some changes of hierarchy, bylaws, and some other changes. An initial meeting of the Extension Office and committee members was held. Initial cost estimation is \$3,000 to \$5,000. It is an 8 to 9 month application process once submitted to the IRS. It is an IRS designation. Last year we paid the state 14% (\$1,400).</p> <p><u>Proposed Changes for the Year</u> – Dave Hamilton reported on last meeting and the questions raised. He spoke with Mary Meyer and Brent Sarchet extensively regarding the questions and discussion. The proposed changes were stopped. The proposals were captured. The Executive Board met and recommended to push the recommendations to the committee level for recommendation to clubs and then Council. Recommendations will be put to the clubs for a vote at Council. Dave would like to see them send out to the clubs through the extension office for a vote. They will come back to Council and be projected on a screen so that everyone is clear what the motion is, there will be limited discussion and each proposal/recommendation will be voted individually. If voted down, the recommendation will be sent back to the committee for further work. When voting, they will be posted on the wall via projector via clickers given to voting members so that the votes are anonymous. Dave noted if it is a content change and the proposer is not at the meeting, the recommendation will not be changed. If the recommendation is presented to the clubs, then it will not be changed.</p>	
<p>New Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Checking Account Signature Changes December Council Meeting Other Business 	<p><u>Checking Account Signature Changes</u> – Dave Hamilton provided an update the signature cards at Valley Bank, holder of the Lewis & Clark County 4-H Leader's Council & Livestock account. The changes needed are: addition of the newly elected Vice President, Kim Lowry, and removal of outgoing Vice President, Teresa Kelley Brewer, and the addition of the Treasurer, Michelle Ostberg.</p> <p><u>December Council Meeting</u> – Dave Hamilton noted the need or not for a December meeting.</p> <p><u>Other Business</u> – Mary Meyer questioned the 501(c)(3) bylaw report and thought the bylaws would need to be changed more to a constitution. Dave Swanson</p>	<p>Catherine McNeil made a motion to remove past Vice President, Teresa Kelley Brewer, and add sitting Vice President, Kimberly Lowry, and sitting Treasurer, Michelle Ostberg, to the Council and Livestock checking accounts held at Valley Bank. Isabelle Lowry seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and carried.</p> <p>Shane Tamcke made a motion to not to meet in December. Sage Tamcke seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Shane amended the motion to not have a December meeting unless it is needed and called by President, Dave Hamilton.</p>

	though it would be best that no one involved in Council or Foundation be a part of those changes as a neutral 3 rd party would best serve to keep the bylaws or constitution generalized.	Sage Tamcke seconded the amendment and it unanimously carried.
Announcements •	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indoor Meeting – January 25, 2016 at 5:30 PM / Extension Conference Room Foundation Annual Meeting – November 30, 2015 at 5:30 PM / Extension Conference Room Outdoor Meeting, December 14, 2015 at 5:30 PM / BHB Horse Committee Meeting, December 21, 2015 / BHB 	
Next Meeting	Michelle Ostberg made a motion to adjourn.	